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In re the application of:

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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD FOR FABRICATING THE SAME

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

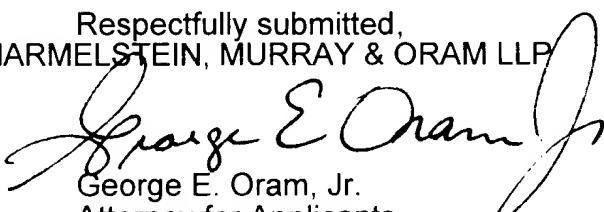
In response to the Official Office Action dated August 30, 1999, the applicants hereby elect to have further prosecution in this application be given on the invention of Group I, drawn to the semiconductor device, currently claimed in Claims 1-7.

The applicants hereby reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications on the non-elected invention.

Accordingly, an early examination and a favorable action on the merits on Claims 1-7 are respectfully requested.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, the applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension may be charged to Deposit Account No. 14-1060, along with any other additional fees which may be required with respect to this paper.

Respectfully submitted,  
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